[Shri Rajesh Pilot]

crores goes for pay and allowances, how can development be there?

Sir, the system is so faulty there. As ;, the hon. Prime Minister has assured us that he would call the Ministers and he would discuss wi th them as to how we can solve this financial crisis. Naturally, develop-would take place only if resour- css are available. I do share the of the lion. Member. I will y this feeling, I will convey the hon. Member has said, to I on. Prime Minister once again.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: while giving his reply, the hon. iter mentioned that in a meeting iber of Bodo militants had surr- : d. Subsequently also, a num-bi)' of Bodo militants had surrend- i the District Administration. In this connection, I would like to know programmes are being implemented to rehabilitate these Bodo militants who have surrendered. I would to know whether anybody has yet been rehabilitated. What program-mos the Government has to rehabili. they formed the Bodoland People's rate them?

SHRI RAJESH PILOT: Sir, as I mentioned, we are in the process of implementing the Bodo Accord. We v;er$_e$ having regular meetings. Un- iately, in the meantime, the .U'Qup broke. Intitially, they were the Bodoland Action Committee. Then, the;/ formed the Bodoland People Party. They broke among themselves. The group got divided. Both the groups started demanding different things. It become difficult *$^{or\ us}$-. At a personal level. I tried to bring them together because I felt that these tribals were sensitive about such things that they were very clear-hearted and straight, forward. I wanted to bring them together as a team and move forward. While we wers> engaged in this pro- cess, this thing had happened. / I assure the House, Sir, that our | intention is to develop the area. Our intention is to bring our brothers and sisters in this far-flung area into the national mainstream. This would continue and we would certainly succeed in our efforts.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL). The discussion on thi$_s$ Short Duration Discussion is over. We now take up th$_e$ next item on the agenda. Shri Thangka Balu.

GOVERNMENT MOTION

TWENTY-EIGHT AND TWENTY - NINTH REPORTS OF THE FORMER COMMISSIONER FOR SCHEDULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES AND THE FIFTH, SIXTH, SEVENTH AND EIGHT REPORTS OF THE i NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SHE-DULED CASTES AND SCHEDULED TRIBES

THE MINISTER OP STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI K-V. THANGKA BALU): Mr. Vice. Chairman, Sir, I beg to move the following Motion:

"That the Twenty-eighth- and the Twenty-ninth Reports of the erstwhile Commissioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the years 1986-87 and 1937-89 laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha on 9th Mby, 1989 and 31st August, 1990,

. respectively, and the Fifth, the Sixth,

$_t$ the Seventh and the Eighth Reports of the Commission (now National Commission) for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the years

I 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85 and 1985. 86 laid on the Table of the Rajya

\ Sabh$_a$ on 7th March, 1986, 28th August, 1987, 6th May, 1988 and 18th November, 1988 respectively, be

L fakep into consideration,"

Sir, it may be pointed out that the 30th Report of the Commissioner for Schedued Castes and Scheduled Tribes ...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): Mr. Minister, you want to make a long speech? Is there a necessity to make such a long speech?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: It is a must.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): How much time would you take?

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Ten minutes,

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): I am asking you 'because I want to ask the Member who is going to initiate the discussion to speak today itself. The rest of the debate can be carried over to tomorrow.

SHRI K. V. THANGKA BALU: I must make my initial observations. It is a must, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL). Okay, I allow you.

SHRIK. V. THANGKABALU: Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, it may be pointed out that the 30th Report of the Com. missioner for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1989-91 (up to !0th February, 1991) i_s also likely to be laid on the Table of the House soon. It may also be pointed out that from 1st September, 1987, the Government modified the functions of the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes with a view to avoiding any overlapping of the Special Officer and the Commission according[1] to which the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes was not required to submit any-Annual Report to the President, It could, however, submit project-based reports to the Central Goverment as t>i when studies on the particular iem were over. During thi$_s$ pe-id, i.e. 1st September, 1987 to Hth I March, 1992, the Commission submitted two study reports—one on the parctke of Untouchability (1989) and the other on the Atrocities of Sche-| duled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. ; (1990).

I Accepting i.he recommendations con-famed in the 7th and 8th Reports of the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Government of India amended the Constitution by the Constitution (Sixty-fifth Amendment) Act, 1990, and reconsti-ed with effect from 12th March, (92, the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under tfhe an l article 338 of the Consti-ion The first Annual Report of the reconstituted National Commission Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes for the year 1992.93 was expected in the year 1993 while its second Annual Report for the year 1993-94 has also fallen due. We have i xsted the National Commission for duled Castes and Scheduled Tri-on 4th January, 1994 to submit its first Annual Report Thereafter the National Commission has b-' minded by Welfare Minister and Secretary (Welfare) to expedite the. report. The Chairman of the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in April, 1994 has herniated that "the report i$_s$ under iration and it is expected that it would be submitted to the President Kocn".

Soon Hon'ble Members ye: ha re also expressed the about the functioning of lhe > Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes despite e ced power including that of civil court to investigate and assess the administration of the va_ safeguards for the socio-economic development of Schc-Juled Castes and Scheduled Tri-On the basis of the 'hfovmation

[Shri K.. V. Thangka Balu] made avaialble by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, I would like to inform the Hon'be Members that the National Commission has so far held 9 meetings. It has received from 12th March, 1992 to June, 1994, 26619 in. dividual complaints pertaining to service matters of which 24993 have been disposed off by the National Commission. About 1626 complaints are pending with the Commission. In respect of atrocities cases, the Commission ha$_s$ taken action in 796 cases, out of which the Chairman|Members *ox* the officials of the Commission have held field enquiries in 101 cases.

Some of the Hon'ble Members have also pointed out that no fruitful pur pose would be served by discussing over 10-yeap old reports of th$_e$ Commission for Scheduled Castes and luled Tribes. In this connection, I may submit that, as already mentioned, these reports of the Commission and the Special Officer were laid on the Tables of the House in 1986, 1987. 1983, 1989 and 1990, respectively. W$_e$ have requested on 21st July, 1989 itself to the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for taking up these Reports for discussion in this House and requests were made subsequently also on the eve of every Session for discussion on the " reports in the House. Du$_P$ to heavy schedule of the House, it could not be possible heitherto to take up these reports for discussion. Discussion on 1hese reports has now been allowed for which I am thankful to this august House. The problems and ?<:SIIP:; of socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes and Sehedtjled Tribes ar$_e$ always of prime concern and it is never late to review and discuss them especially when an opp-ortunity hes been provided in this House for this purpose. I shall, therefore, submit to this august House 'hat we should not postpone discussion on these reports for want to first Annual Report for 1990-93 OF the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes

The erstwhile Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and also the Commissioner for Schedu-led Castes and Scheduled Tribes were looking after the measures tfor the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and their condition in the society. In their above mentioned Reports they have dealt in length on the extent of welfare and development measures undertaken by the Government for the upliftment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. Various recommendations have also been made in the Reports broadly relating to the economic development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, protective measures including curbing the practice of untouchability ensuring reservation olf Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in public service, quantification of funds for sectorwise programmes for the dev-elopment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes etc. i$_t$ was also re-commended in the VII and VIII Reports of the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to empower the Commission as a Commission of Inquiry under the Commission of Inquiry Act of 1952.

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I am happy to report to this august House that immediately on receipt of these Reports, Government initiated action on the recommendations made therein. As already mentioned in pursuance of the Constitution's 65th Amendment Act, 1990, the erstwhile Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes as also the Commissioner for Schedued Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been replaced by the National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes with effect from 12th March, 1992. The new National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been set up under Article 33S of the

Constitution with enlarged functions powers of a Civil Court for effective investigation and inquiry into the issues and matters relating to the development and welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes. On the other recommendations of the Reports, Government has taken necessary action and detailed action taken statement in regard to the V and VI Report of the Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes have been tabled in Rajya Sabha on 29th December, 1989 while the detailed action taken statement in regard to the VII and VIII Report of the Commission have been tabled in Rajya Sabha on 17th August, 1992.

I may also mention that our Government is fully committed to the welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes and has taken many initiatives in this regard. In April, 1992, we have launched an ambitious scheme of eradication of the obnoxi. oils practice of scavenging and rehabilitating the liberated scavengers into alternate dignified professions by the end of the VIII Five Year Plan. A total amount of Rs. 905 crores is in-fended to be spent !for this prestigious scheme by the end of 1996-97. An Act of Parliament has been passed to constitute a National Commission on Safai Karamcharis to monitor I he implementation of the scheme. Besides, various syhemes for the education and economic development of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tri-v bes are being' implemented with adequate financial outlays by the Government. Due to stress is laid on the administration of the provisions of the Pro'ection of Civil Rights and Atrocities Acts.

Recently, we have modified the scheme of Pre-Matric Scholarship Scheme f°r the children of those following unclean professions like scavengers, tanners, flayers, etc. and the restriction on the number of children and the income ceiling limit have been removed so as to enable all the children of these categories of parents *to* avail of this facility. The guidelines governing the utilisation of Special Central Assistance to Special Component Plan have also been modified to allow infrastruictural development in important sectors like education, irrigation, soil-conservation, agriculture, industry, etc., particularly, in the areas having 50 per cent or more Scheduled Caste population. The outlays for the Special Central Assistance have been stepped up considerably during the last two years.

The Naliona] Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation which was set up in 1989, is being provided enhanced financial outlays and Rs. 40 crores have been provided during 1994-95 while efforts are on to secure more funds for the orporation *so* as to enable it to cater to the increased requirement of loan for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes entrepreneurs. A special educational development programme for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe females in the areas having below 2 per cent liberacy is also in hand. :!3 educational complexes under the scheme have been sanction-for the Scheduled Tribe girls while the scheme for Scheduled Castes girls is under finalisation in consultation with the Planning Commission.

The Scheme of Pre-examination coaching for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes candidates has been modified to commission result oriented private coaching institutes of repute also to impart pre-examination coaching etc. to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students. A scheme of Upgradation of Merit of Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe students by way of extra coaching to Class IX to XII is also being implemented with increased budgetary provisions N:w Central Sector. Scheme of Vocational Training in Tri-bal Areas has been introduced in 1992-93 with an objective to import

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skill in various vocations to the tribal youth to make them self-employed and I or employ

Another new Cental Sector Scheme introduced during 1992-93 is grants to Slate Tribal Development Cooperative Corporations to strengthen their share capital and infrastructure to exploit the untapped potential in procurement and marketing of tribal produce.

Extending financial assistance to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe families into cross poverty line has also been stepped up and during 1993. 94, 23.24 akh Scheduled Csste and 9.7T lakh Scheduled Tribe families were assisted.

Government has also undertaken four Special Recruitment Drives to fillup backlog in the posts reserved for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Central Government^ Public ■takings banking and insurance I utions. n

Th.j quantum of grant-in-aid to Voluntary Organisations for undertaking educational and skill development programmes Sfor Scheduled Castes have een substantially increased co. about 80,000 beneficiaries through 208 Non-Governmental Orations.

Government observed in a befitting manner Baba Saheb Dr. B. R. Am-bedkar's birth centenary celebrations from 1990 to 1992. Large number of schemes and programmes were undertaken by the Central Government State Governments and Union Territo. ries during the celebrations. Ministry of Welfare has been implementing special schemes, namely, setting up of Dr. Ambedkar National Public Library at' New Delhi, institution of Dr. edkar National Award, Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships, setting up of Dr. Ambedkar Chairs in Universities, sf tting up of Dv. Amhedkar's statues at ten different places in the country, production of full length feature film on Dr. Ambedkar and translation and publication of Dr. Ambedkar's writings and speeches.

besides, Dr. Ambedkar Foundation was also set up in March, 1992, with specific objective of promoting literary and cultural activities and also for implementation of four of the special ifcr.es, namely, Dr. Amber-bedkar National Public Library, Dr. Ambedkar National Award, Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships and Dr. Ambeikar Chairs in Universities. An outlay of Rs. 8.50 crores was sanc-t'oned to the Foundation in March, 1992. Dr. Ambedkar Chairs have oeen set up jn eight universities. Four Dr. Ambedkar Overseas Fellowships are being awarded annually irrespective of caste or religion. Land for construction of Dr. Ambedkar Nation-,-i Public Library has been allotted in the institutional area at Janpath. Dr. Ambedkar international Award of the value of Es. 15 lakh is also being instituted. Government i_s committed *io* provide adequate finances for the necial schemes emanated from Dr. Ambedkar birth centenary rations.

In t'lis background, I would now re. c/'est the House to discuss all these Peports together and urge the Hon'ble Memte* to giv_e their practical and meaningful suggestions for the guidance of both the Central and State Governments. Without taking further rfuch of your valuable time, I request the House to consider these Reports.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (K-nnataka): Mr. Vice-Chairman, S'v, I am on a procedural matter. Yesterday, we demanded that the Minister should bring forward the latest reports instead of a decade old reports for discussion. Today, the Minister in hi= introduction has included the formation that he has received from -,' the National Commission for SC and • ST. T feel thai the House ' is not

en Hi led to discuss it. The N*»ion*j Commission for SC and ST..was appointed by the president. It $i_{S\ a}$ statutory body. They have to report to the President and the Parliament . is entitled to discuss thai report. The information! given to the Ministry by the National Commission for SC and ST ijj an internal matti r between them. 1 i'eel that it cannoi form part of the report and we cannot di -il. Thai should go to the President. \W cannot go on discussing that information which the Ministry lias re-cMved from the National Commission tar SC and ST.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL); Mr. Hanu-manthappa, t got your point. The motion for discussion before the House is different. We are not discussing what the Minister has said in his statement. It is a part °f the statement.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA: The Minister has called upon ue lo discuss... (Interruptions)..,

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): No. no, it is a motion which was moved earlier which is before the House. The tno-teion has been moved. Now any Member desiring to speak on that motion may initiate the discussion.

SHRI H.A, HANUMANTHAPPA: The Minister, in his introduction, hat said thai out of 26,000 cases, 24,000 I have been disposed of, the Nation Commission for SC and ST met nine times and out of 706 atrociti s eases, so many have been disposed. This is the information in the National Commission for SC and ST'g re port. They H&nrtot ref-ed V> these things, if they cannoi authenticate. This report should go to die President, Can we discuss it?

TUft VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): The motion $\backslash_f$ for discussion. That is all. His speech . is not for discussion. He has referred to. c-main things whiefe be *akmM*

noi have dun,, ano it you think, thai lie hag committed some contempt,, then, you move a motion for son-tempt tomorrow.

6.00 P.M.

DR. BIRLA Li DASGUPTA (West Bengal): Sir, I feel that unnecssarily. a lot of confusion is being created.

illy speaking the "Minister spok OH certain specific reports. While he wag speaking, obviously, some references have been made to some other information he had in his possession. We certainly want these reports to b» discussed. But having these report* as the base we also want to discus* the situation with respect to the Scheduled Castes and I he Scheduled Tribes today While he discussed I Iris, in his discretion he has not confined himself only these reports. Obviously; whatever happened since then would also come up. There is nothing to bar that. (Interruptions)

SURI K. V. THANGKA BALU: Thai is why t mentioned all the relevant things.

SHRI AJIT P K. JOGI (Madhya Pradesh): That will also come up be-fore the House and we can discus* that, *(Interruptions)* .

OR. "■•" !-- DASGUPTA: You cannot artificially segregate discus sions like this. In the Rajya Sabha, (his is m>t the way discussions are conducted. What Mr. Hanumantha-ppa says is in one sense, true. We must be ashamed of the fact that we are not having the up-to-date report. It is shameful thai reports are not placed before us. But that should not, in any way, disqualify us fro» discussing also the other aspects.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI SATISH AGARWAL): Yes, Mr. Sangh Priya Gautsm.

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम (इलाहाबाद) : उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय, . . .

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सतीश अग्रवाल) : आप आज खत्म करना चाहते हैं ?

श्री संघ प्रिय गौतम : थोड़ा सा कहने दीजिए।

उपसभाध्यक्ष (श्री सतीश अग्रवाल) : आपने उपसभाध्यक्ष महोदय कह दिया, बस हो गया। बाकी कल कह देना।

Mr. Sang Priya Gautam will conti nuc his speech tomorrow.

The House now stands adjourned till II A.M. tomorrow.

The House then adjourned at two minutes past six of the clock till eleven of the clock on Thursday, the S8ih July, 1994.